IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for searching for information accessible through a client/server network containing a plurality of servers, comprising the steps of:

connecting to one of the plurality of GPS servers;

receiving a graphical map of a geographic area from the GPS server;

displaying the graphical map on a display device;

entering search criteria for locating at least one hypertext document based on a geographic position; and

receiving a search result indicating the hypertext document located in accordance with the search criteria,

wherein the located hypertext document is accessible from another server different from the one GPS server of the plurality of GPS servers,

wherein the hypertext document includes geographic GPS position information in a metatag.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

selecting the hypertext document included in the search result; and

downloading information relating to the selected hypertext document.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the hypertext document is a world wide web page and the computer network is the Internet.

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4. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the method is performed as an aspect of executing a program for browsing the world wide web.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 4, wherein the hypertext document includes geographic position information.

6. (Original) The method according to Claim 5, wherein the hypertext document has a name based upon the geographic position information.

7.   (Amended) A method for providing information through a <u>GPS</u> client/server network, comprising the steps of:

   receiving a connection request from a client;

   generating a graphic map based upon a geographic area;

   transmitting the graphic map to the client;

   receiving search criteria for locating a world wide web page based upon a ~~geographic~~ <u>GPS data</u>~~position~~;

   searching the world wide web in accordance with the received search criteria; and

   transmitting a search result to the client,

   wherein the search result includes reverse-position information for determining a geographic position of the client <u>using GPS data from the received search result or information from the GPS client/server network</u>.

8. (Original) The method according to Claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

   receiving a connection request to a web page included in the search result; and

connecting the client to the selected web page.

9. (Original) The method according to Claim 7, wherein said searching step includes searching in accordance with longitude and latitude coordinates.

10. (Original) The method according to Claim 7, wherein said search step includes searching for the web page based on geographic position information included in the web page.

11. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the web page has a name based upon the geographic position information.

12. (Original) The method according to Claim 7, wherein said search step includes searching an index including position information and web page names.

13. (Original) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the search result includes an icon image representing the web page.

15. (Currently Amended) A GPS-server for providing information which is accessible through a computer network, comprising:

a controller including an interface to the computer network;

a GPS graphical mapping system responsive to said controller capable of generating a map of a geographic area for transmission through said interface;

a search engine configured to locate a hypertext document in the computer network in accordance with a request received through said interface; and

an index including position information and hyperlinks, wherein said search engine is further configured to locate the hypertext document by searching said index,

wherein the request includes search criteria based upon <u>GPS-type coordinate position data</u>~~geographic position~~.

16. (Original) The server according to Claim 15, wherein the hypertext document is a world wide web page and the computer network is the Internet.

17. (Original) The server according to Claim 15, wherein said controller is adapted to download the hypertext document located by said search engine to a client through said interface.

18. (Original) The server according to Claim 15, wherein the hypertext document includes geographic position information.

19. (Original) The server according to Claim 18, wherein the hypertext document has a name based upon the geographic position information.

21. (Original) The server according to Claim 15, further comprising a coordinate database including coordinate information correlated to the map generated by said graphical mapping system.

22. (Original) The server according to Claim 21, wherein the coordinate information includes latitude and longitude coordinates.

23. (Original) The server according to Claim 22, wherein the coordinate information is updated using a Global Positioning System.

24. (Original) The server according to Claim 15, wherein said controller is further configured to provide reverse-position information for determining a position of a client.

Claims 1-13, 15-19, and 21-24 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, and 15 are the independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-13, 15-19, and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dunworth et al. U.S. Patent 5,930,474.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, as amended, are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites a method for searching for information accessible through a client/server network containing a plurality of servers, comprising the steps of: connecting to one of the plurality of GPS servers; receiving a graphical map of a geographic area from the GPS server; displaying the graphical map on a display device; entering search criteria for locating at least one hypertext document based on a geographic position; and receiving a search result indicating the hypertext document located in accordance with the search criteria, wherein the located hypertext document is accessible from another server different from the one GPS server of the plurality of GPS servers, wherein the hypertext document includes GPS position information in a metatag. Independent claims 7 and 15 recite similar limitations.

Dunworth fails to teach show or imply at least the limitations of (1) "connecting to one of the plurality of GPS servers, receiving a graphical map of a

geographic area from the GPS server ... wherein the located hypertext document is accessible from another server different from the one GPS server of the plurality of GPS servers ..." as recited in amended independent claims 1, 7 and 15; and (2) "wherein the search result includes reverse-position information for determining a geographic position of the client using GPS data from the received search result or information from the GPS client/server network," as recited in amended independent claim 7.

Although, Dunworth teaches the use of geographically organized information, it does not use a GPS server or GPS data. Moreover, Dunworth simply integrates geographically organized information with topical information and thus allows a user to search both geographically and topically, see col. 3, lines 2-9. Still further, Dunworth uses a geography database 210, which is an image map file containing reference, maps... see col. 8, line 49 – col. 9 line 4.

Since Dunworth fails to teach, show or imply all of the limitations of amended independent claims 1, 7 and 15, applicant submits these claims are patentable under 35 U.S.C 102.
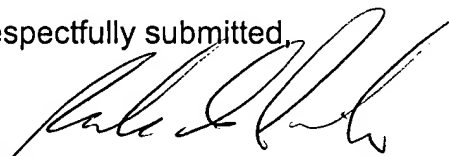
The other claims in this application are dependent upon the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable once the independent claims are allowed.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The applicants have made a sincere attempt to advance the prosecution of this application by reducing the issues for consideration and specifically delineating the zone of patentablity. The applicants submit that the claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 102. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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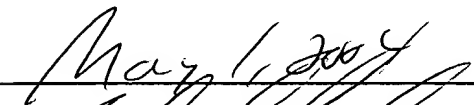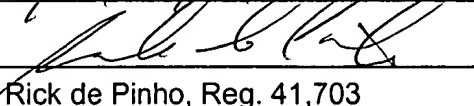Respectfully submitted,

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